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**HOUSE APPROVES FISCAL YEAR 2008 OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS
*Bill Includes \$2.8 Million for 9th Congressional District***

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) last

“Last night, we took a step toward reversing the President’s harmful b

The Omnibus Appropriations bill also included \$2.8 million for critical

“I am proud that I was able to help secure \$2.8 million in this bill for im

The following projects for the 9th Congressional District were included

- \$588,000 CTA Yellow Line Extension, Skokie, IL.
- These funds will be used to extend of the CTA’s Yellow Line public tra

- \$492,000 Nanotechnology Research Internship of Illinois

These funds will be used to develop and fund internships for high school students.

- \$383,187 “Chicago Elder Project”, Howard Brown Health Center

These funds will provide comprehensive and culturally-competent aging services.

- \$305,500 Haymarket Center Furlough Program for Women, Chicago

These funds will be used to expand the current furlough program, which provides temporary employment for women.

- \$282,000 Northwestern University Molecular Therapeutics and Diagnostic Center

These funds will be used to construct a Molecular Therapeutics and Diagnostic Center.

- \$249,100 Public Safety Radio and Telecommunications System, Evanston

These funds will be used to conduct a study and subsequently purchase a new system.

- \$196,000 Black Ensemble Theatre, Chicago, IL.

These funds will be used to construct a new 300 seat theater to further the arts.

- \$143,449 Mental Health Services for Refugee Children, Heartland Health Center

These funds will be used to support International FACES children’s program.

- \$94,000 Integrated Vehicle Tracking and Information System, Evanston

These funds will provide the City of Evanston with the ability to spatially track vehicles.

- \$76,637 Local Homeless Services, Organization of the NorthEast
These funds will be used to hire a full-time organizer at Organization of the NorthEast

- \$9,400 Emergency Response Equipment, Evanston, IL.
These funds will be used to purchase satellite telephones for emergency responders in Evanston, IL.

Overall, the legislation approved by the House makes significant improvements in the following areas:

- Medical Research: \$607 million above the President's request to study the impact of medical research on the economy
- Healthcare Access: \$1 billion above the President's request, making it easier for people to get the care they need
- Rural Healthcare: \$147 million above the President's request to help rural communities get the care they need
- K-12 Education: \$767 million above the President's request with targeted investments in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education
- Student Aid: \$1.7 billion above the President's request for Pell Grants to help low-income students pay for college
- Vocational Education: \$575 million above the President's request for vocational education programs
- State and Local Law Enforcement: \$1.2 billion above the President's request for state and local law enforcement
- Homeland Security Grants: \$1.8 billion above the President's request for homeland security grants
- Highway Infrastructure: Meets the guaranteed levels set in the authorization of appropriations act
- Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency: \$486 million above the President's request for renewable energy and energy efficiency programs